

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WALL STREET.

On Change to what was active and better, with a corresponding rise in the price of flour. Cotton opened firm, but toward the close fell off.

MONEY MORE ACTIVE.

The money market was more active, owing to the increased demand in connection with the expanding volume of business and higher prices at the Stock Exchange, and call loans, which opened steady at four per cent on government and stock collateral, advanced to five per cent, with a sharp inquiry at that rate from the stock houses after two o'clock. The reports above cited were the only ones for the afternoon in rates, the exchanges with the interior still favoring this centre. On government bonds money continued in full supply throughout at four per cent. Prime commercial paper was in request, and more freely taken at a rate per cent, according to the degree of superiority and time of maturity.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOWER.

The rates for foreign exchange declined in the forenoon, and quotations closed on the basis of 100 to 104 for prime bank's sixty day sterling and 100 to 104 for sight bills.

THE GOVERNMENT BOND MARKET FOR MARCH.

The general instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury with reference to the purchase of bonds and sale of gold for the ensuing month were elaborated at the sub-treasury this forenoon and published as follows:

BOND PURCHASES.

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| Wednesday, March 1 | \$2,000,000 |
| Thursday, March 2 | 2,000,000 |
| Friday, March 3 | 2,000,000 |
| Saturday, March 4 | 2,000,000 |
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| Wednesday, March 15 | 2,000,000 |
| Thursday, March 16 | 2,000,000 |
| Friday, March 17 | 2,000,000 |
| Saturday, March 18 | 2,000,000 |
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| Sunday, March 26 | 2,000,000 |
| Monday, March 27 | 2,000,000 |
| Tuesday, March 28 | 2,000,000 |
| Wednesday, March 29 | 2,000,000 |
| Thursday, March 30 | 2,000,000 |
| Friday, March 31 | 2,000,000 |

OLD SALES.

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| Thursday, March 2 | \$1,000,000 |
| Friday, March 3 | 1,000,000 |
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THE IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT THIS PORT DURING THE LAST WEEK WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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| Feb. 25—Steamer City of Manchester, Liverpool, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1871. | \$7,850 |
| Feb. 26—Steamer Clara Smith, Sarnam, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1871. | 724 |
| Feb. 27—Steamer Lybce, St. Domingo, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1871. | 2,901 |
| Feb. 28—Steamer Lybce, St. Domingo, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1871. | 2,901 |
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SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

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| 19347 A. M..... | 111 1/2 | 3 P. M..... | 111 1/2 |
| 11 A. M..... | 111 1/2 | 4 P. M..... | 111 |
| 12 M..... | 111 1/2 | 5:30 P. M..... | 111 1/2 |
| 12:45 P. M..... | 111 | | |

In the gold loan market the rates for carrying ranked from two to five per cent. The operation